

SEPTEMBER MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Like July and August, September has been a pretty slow month. Our Thursday night meetings have not been as well attended as I would hope. We had about 20 to 25 members showing up at each meeting.

The new Rocky Mountain Region Commander has been selected. He is **Col Russell E. Chazell**. He was previously the Rocky Mountain Region Chief of Staff and then assigned as the Utah Wing Commander. Although we have little to do with the Rocky Mountain Region staff, we should give Colonel Chazell all of the support that he requests.

The Subordinate Unit Inspection (SUI) was conducted by **Captain Gene Munson**, Group 1 IG & SUI Team Leader. The Inspectors were **Capt Mike Daniels**, **Capt Charles Sellers**, **Capt Sheri Lee**, and **1Lt Vincent Lee**. He has not finished the report, but has indicated that it will be favorable. The squadron members representing their staff positions were Captain **Don Johnson** – Administration, **1Lt Juan Carlos Madeni** – Aerospace Education, **Lt Col Jim Jenkins** – Aircraft Maintenance, **(Ch) Captain Kevin Shaw** – Chaplain, **1Lt Brandon Nadrash** – Emergency Services and Communications, **1Lt Ron Pearce** – Finance, **Major Steve Purcell** – Logistics, **1Lt Rick Simonds** – Operations, **1Lt Bill Agster** – Personnel and Recruiting, **2Lt Tim O'Brien** – Professional Development and Webmaster, and **Captain Bob York** – Safety. The staff did an excellent job. Even those newly assigned, were able to meet the challenge of the inspectors questions even better than I expected.

I have volunteered to help Captain Munson out on his next inspection at the Mustang Cadet Squadron.

Staff

We still have a staff positions open. I need a Public Affairs Officer.

Membership

We continue to have a number of visitors each meeting. **1Lt Bill Agster**, the Recruiting Officer and **2Lt Carol Ellis** help the visitors with the paperwork.

OPS/ES

The request to support the 460th Space Wing by doing an SDIS flight to take pictures during their exercise has been postponed for now..

We have put one of our aircraft in the Buckley hanger. We are having a problem with that decision due to the Buckley AFB tower operation times. On the last mission we couldn't launch as early as we would have liked due to an 0630 tower schedule.

Lt Colonel Bob Beabout was selected to take the GA-8 to Texas for support of FEMA activities brought about by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. **Major John Mitchell** commander of Thompson Valley Composite Squadron accompanied **Bob**.

Many of our pilots and new scanners were able to attend the Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX) at Steam Boat Springs this month. I have been informed that some of the new scanners were able to get in their two mission sorties.

PROMOTIONS/AWARDS

Since the last message, we were able to promote four of our members: To 2Lt, **Timothy O'Brien** and **Stanley Losiewicz**, to Captain, **Robert York** and **Captain Kevin Shaw**

This month two members upgraded in their training levels. **SM Timothy O'Brien** and **SM Christopher O'Shell** to Level 1. Some of these updates made the member eligible for promotion.

TRAINING

There was no mission training scheduled for August or September. **1Lt James Montgomery** has volunteered to be the project officer to shepherd the Mission Observer Class. We hope to have it ready by October.

Colonel Cooksey conducted a Level 1 class on 17 September at Buckley. Two of our new members were available and upgraded to Level 1.

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